

# LOOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Looe,  
Cornwall.

May 1st, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Looe Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

Owing to pressure of work in the war years, and also to illness, I have been unable to issue the normal reports; but I now present to you my Annual Report for the year ending 1942.

## Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in acres	1,649½
Population	4,213
Number of Inhabited Houses (1931 census)	1,147
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£144
Rateable Value	£36,874

## Extracts from Vital Statistics.

	Total	Female	Male
Live Births:-			
Legitimate	63	29	33
Illegitimate	-	1	-
Still Births - Legitimate	2	-	2
Deaths of Infants (under 1 year of age)	5	3	2
	70	33	37

Birth Rate per 1,000 population:-	14.9.
Death Rate per 1,000 population:-	13.7.
Number of Women dying in consequence of childbirth or sepsis:-	-
Deaths from measles - all ages:-	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough:-	-

The Birth Rate is improving, but is still below the average rate in England, which is 15.8. On the other hand the Death Rate 13.7. is above the average for the country. This is partly due to the proportion of elderly people who have taken up residence in the area.

## Number of Cases of Infectious Diseases notified:-

		Deaths.
Smallpox	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	-
Dysentery	2	-
Pneumonia	3	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-
" Pyrexia	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-
Ophthalmic neonatorum	1	-
Whooping Cough	61	-



### Social Conditions.

The East Cornwall Water Board continues to give the town an adequate and satisfactory supply.

In the absence of any complaints it appears that the one-day-a-week collection of refuse is working satisfactorily.

I am glad to be able to report that in spite of the stress of war, food restrictions and the black-out, the health of the Town is remarkably good. I would like to pay tribute to the efficiency of the Food Control.

### Maternal mortality.

It is with great satisfaction that I am able to report that there has been no death from puerperal causes of any description during the past year. Our thanks are due to the provision of ante-natal clinics and better technique at child-birth. Maternal mortality has been greatly reduced throughout the County and child-bearing robbed of its greatest terror.

### Clinics and Treatment Centres.

The Child Centre is doing a valuable service under the guidance of the Doctors and Nurses who give the best advice on dieting babies. The ante-natal clinic prevents future mothers from running unnecessary risks.

### Ambulance.

The ambulance has proved invaluable in service, and our thanks are certainly due to the voluntary work of the Corps as Drivers, Nurses and Attendants.

### X-Ray Treatment and Laboratory Facilities.

Facilities for X-Ray diagnosis continue to be provided by Mr. Clague. This has proved invaluable owing to the increase in industrial accidents. Pathological services have been very fully used as aids to diagnosis.

It is noteworthy no cases of diphtheria have been notified, which is in itself a tribute to the value of preventive medicine.

Vaccinations: Primary 73 Re-vaccinations 5.  
Diphtheria Inoculations (under 5 years) 126.

### Provision for Infectious Diseases.

We have now joined the County Scheme for Hospital accommodation for treatment of infectious disease, which relieves us of a considerable anxiety, not only with regard to the cases, but also to the period of quarantine.

### Milk Supply.

The milk supply is both plentiful and excellent, and deliveries are made in sealed sterile bottles.

### Bake-houses.

The bake-houses are supplying the standard bread, which is both nutritious and, in my opinion, of anti-scorbutic value.

Looe with Morval & St. Martins Nursing Assocn.

Attached is the District Nurses' report for 1942; a proof of the creditable work performed by the nurses, and the efforts of the voluntary Committee who work very hard to keep the Association financed.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I think that the Council are to be congratulated that in the third year of the war they have been able to meet the varied and numerous demands of the Ministries, and have dealt effectively with the special problems of these difficult times.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) LAURENCE MORAN

Medical Officer of Health.

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Year ending 31st December, 1942.

Looe with Morval & St. Martins Nursing Asscn.

No. of visits made by District Nurses during Year.

General Nursing Visits	2242
Maternity	433
Health	569
Ante Natal	146
Casual	291
School Inspections	59
School Nursing Visits	35
Last Office	6

New Cases Nursed.

General Cases	248
Midwifery	17
Maternity	8

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Looe Infant Welfare.

Weekly Meetings were held at the Church Hall except for a period from the 28th April to the 28th July when the room was taken over by the Ministry of Health.

Lecturers: Drs. Moran & Cooper, Mrs. Tuckett and Mrs. Dickson, the Misses Henderson, Rayment, Mortimore and Dugdale.

Vaccinations	3.
Immunisations	43.
Weighings	307.

Attendances

	<u>Children</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCES</u>
<u>Under 1 year</u>	<u>1 - 5 years</u>	
238.	373.	544.

